

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 8, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 8, 2005.

Claims 1-39 are pending in the application and are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. The claims have been restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- Group I Claims 1-24, and 32-39, drawn to downhole filter, classified in class 166, subclass 227.
- Group II Claims 25-31, drawn to method of creating a downhole filter, classified in class 29, subclasses 869.62.

Applicants provisionally elects Group I, to which claims 1-24, and 32-39 read on, without traverse.

The claims have been further restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

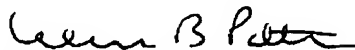
- Species Ia Downhole filter with at least one opening in a wall (embodiment of Figs. 1-3)
- Species Ib expandable downhole filter with expandable base and filter sheet (embodiment of Figs. 5-6)

Applicants provisionally elect Species Ia, to which claims 1-24 are drawn without traverse. Applicants have added new claims 40-42 which read on Group I and species Ia and Ib.

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Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully request prosecution of claims 1-24, and 40-42.

Respectfully submitted,



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